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NSC BRIEFING

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- I. More violence on Cyprus may occur in the weeks ahead.
 - A. Britain is determined to proceed with implementing its new Cyprus plan despite its rejection by Greece and the Greek Cypriots.
 - 1. London may be considering the immediate return of popular Cypriot leader Archbishop Makarios from exile in hopes that his presence will tend to restore peace on the island. There is, however, some question that Makarios, now in Greece, would return to Cyprus at this time even if permitted to do so.
 - B. The Greek Government and Makarios have denounced the British plan--which gives a measure of self-government to the Greek and Turkish communities--as leading inevitably to partition.
 - 1. Athens is notifying NATO members of its intention to resist the plan by "all political means" available.
 - 2. Makarios has called for UN intervention to "restore peace" on Cyprus, and Greek officials indicate a UN mandate for an independent Cyprus may be their new aim.

C. Turkey has accepted the revised British plan and will appoint an official representative to confer with Gov Foot by 1 October as requested by Britain.

II. On Cyprus the nationalist terrorist organization, EOKA, announced on 7 September the suspension of its unilateral truce.

A. The pace of violence has increased with several ^{and} killings of EOKA members ~~and~~ British servicemen.

B. British officials believe an open clash with EOKA has become inevitable but doubt that EOKA will be able to maintain a major campaign of terrorism for an extended period of time.

C. A major attack by EOKA may be timed to coincide with the arrival of the official Turkish representative on about 1 October.

D. If EOKA decides to attack the Turk Cypriots as well as the British security forces, the situation could rapidly develop into a major Greek-Turkish crisis.

1. Such a development may be deliberately sought by some Greek Cypriots to insure direct UN intervention in the Cyprus problem.